

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**  
**EQIP Socially Disadvantaged Farmer**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> EQIP Socially Disadvantaged Farmer		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

<b>Issue Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>
<b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:</b>	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is applicant an existing producer of confined poultry, dairy, swine, or other livestock and required to comply with state laws concerning the management of animal waste?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will this contract include practices that reduce sediment from active gullies and sheet and rill erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Has applicant NEVER been required to pay recovery costs? If applicant has NEVER paid recovery costs, answer YES.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Has applicant had a previous contract and failed to complete contract items on schedule?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is this an existing or expanding CAFO operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Has applicant self-certified as a limited resource or socially disadvantaged farmer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will treatment increase the number of grazing cells?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will treatment result in a safe new or existing watering facility?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will treatment result in positive water savings?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will native vegetation be left along stream corridors (SMZs) in accordance with the MS BMP Handbook for forestry guidelines?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will all offered land suited for longleaf pines or hardwoods be planted to these type trees?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will this treatment include one or more of the following practices targeting sedimentation? (Critical Area Stabilization – 342, Sediment Basin – 350, Grade Stabilization Structure – 410, Structure for Water Control – 587, Terraces – 600)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will you be treating classic gully erosion on EQIP acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the predominant land capability class for EQIP acres 3 or greater?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will application result in implementation of a tail water recovery system or irrigation storage pond?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will treatment include installation of a Composter or Incinerator to manage animal mortality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does applicant have a current CNMP on EQIP offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will pest management be used to control any invasive species on EQIP acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Do soil test results on EQIP offered acres show a pH of less than 6.0?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Was this landowner deferred from last year's applicant list?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Is this the first time applicant has applied for EQIP assistance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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#### Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

**Final Ranking Score:**

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

**NRCS Representative:**

**Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:**

**Signature Date:**

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